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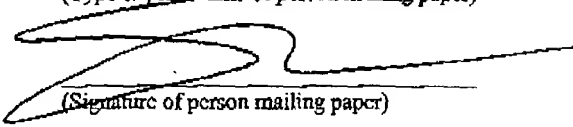
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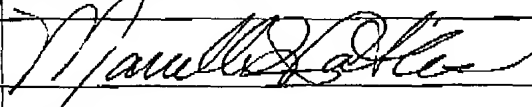
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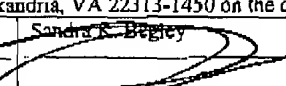
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In re Application of Kevin J. THORNE		
Application Number 09/746,921		Filed December 22, 2000
For Composition and Process for Bone Growth and Repair		
Group Art Unit 1654		Examiner Patricia A. Patten

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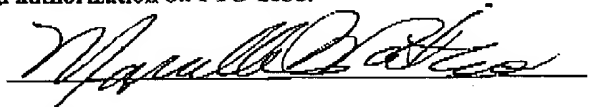
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